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YOUR SCRIBE

By FREDRICK L. BURNS

In a few days the Fayetteville Branch of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will launch its 1949 membership campaign.

The last few years our city has grown from a 12,000 population to around 60,000 and we can easily say that 26,000 to 28,000 belong to the Negro race.

Every effort will be made to bring nearly all of our citizens into the fold.

It has been one of the hardest jobs convincing our people that the NAACP is one of the greatest organizations in the country.

Without its support, numerous crimes would have gone unnoticed

ed and hundreds of persons would have committed crimes against Negroes and never would have been brought to the bar of Justice.

I recall a few years ago during a membership campaign, a worker reported that several persons said that they were in sympathy and accord with the program of the NAACP but were afraid to join because they were afraid of losing their jobs.

No man wants to lose his job but we would like to know of a specific case that a person was fired because he has joined an organization.

Taking the words of our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." We are inclined to believe that some of our people are afraid to try any thing.

It is true that the organization is not liked by some people because of its stand on Negro Rights, but you will admit that the same group respects it because it has always based its argument on the United States constitution, and that same constitution is the Supreme Law of the land.

You, who would like to hear of the works of the organization, and see that dynamic secretary of the organization will have the opportunity to see and hear Walter White in Raleigh, N. C. Sunday, March 27th as he is scheduled to address the District North Carolina NAACP conference on its final two day session.

Another way that you may help your branch is to attend the "Benefit Supper" at Breck's Landing March 15th.

The NAACP needs your active support. It is depending on you to support it now. It will depend on you later.

A few years ago a company of colored men were being mustered out of the army. They were being addressed and before bidding them God Speed, a young chaplain said, "As you go to your respective homes, join some organization, and give it your active support. You can only survive by organizing, in only there is strength."

So long until next week.

MEMO TO OUR READERS On behalf of the CAROLINIAN we wish to thank our readers for the cards, letters and suggestions which have been given. Criticism is always appreciated. If you know of any progressive activities in Fayetteville please report the same to this writer. Address P. O. Box 225 or phone 4829.

New 3-V Knitting Process Means Longer Life for Nylon Sheers



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TWO MORE SEEK TO ENTER OKLA. SCHOOL

STILLWATER, Okla. (ANP)—The first attempt to break the hilly-white pattern at Oklahoma A. and M. college was made here last Wednesday when two Langston university students applied for entrance to the arts and science school and school of home economics.

Henry Floyd, 21, of Eufaula, seeks courses in political science. He is a junior at Langston. Jane Ellison, 19, Oklahoma City, wants to take textiles course.

Their transcripts were accepted by Dean Herbert Patterson, the college's registrar, who said they would be checked in the usual manner. He added that the enrollment of Negroes would be referred to Dr. Henry G. Bennett, president.

Statutes forbid the mixing of races in school. However, a special three judge federal court ruled last year that the University of Oklahoma must admit a Negro student if none of the Negro schools offered the courses sought. G. M. McLaurin was admitted to the university on a segregated basis to study for a doctors degree in education.

Applications of two others have been approved for entrance into the state university.

Bid To Outlaw Bias Killed In Chicago

CHICAGO (ANP)—After a six-hour debate, pro and con, the city council voted 31-13 to kill the ordinance sponsored by Ald. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., Third Ward, which would have written in a non-discrimination provision into the city's slum clearance and development program, here last Wednesday.

The defeat of the measure followed an eight-page opinion by Mayor Martin H. Kennelly that the ordinance would "retard, if not completely prevent, the rebuilding of Chicago's slums."

The mayor's statement, delivered in person, came as a complete surprise to slum-clearance and citizens attending the hearing. His position was that the measure constituted a "breach of faith" with the people of Chicago.

He declared, "If private capital is not attracted to Chicago for the rebuilding of our slum areas, all that would remain of Chicago's slum clearance and relocation program would be public low-rent housing. The city would lose around \$125,000,000 of new construction and, in addition, the tax revenue which these new investments would have provided."

In any opinion, the ordinance certainly is not in the best interest of our city or its people. It will delay or prevent slum clearance and it breaks faith with the people who voted for this program."

He recalled that he actively supported the two housing bond is-

slated \$15,000,000 for slum clearance and a like amount for relocation housing, when defeat seemed certain at the polls in 1947 — because the plan would attract an estimated \$125,000,000 from private sources for housing development.

He said the voters were told that they were going to have private housing, that our land clearance program would be carried out by private builders. To reject a provision against discrimination would "change completely the complexion of all land clearance transactions" and would drive away private capital.

The mayor disclosed that he had been told by a "gentleman" whose identity he did not reveal, that "we would rather have the slums than not to have this ordinance passed."

"I went out especially to see where he lived," the mayor said. "He does not live in any slum; he lives in a very nice place."

"Let those people speak who live in the slums. Those are the people I am trying to benefit and to help and I feel that they will be helped if we can provide decent, comfortable homes instead of the slums where they are now forced to live."

In rebuttal to the Mayor's Statement, Ald. Carey contended that Negroes would "prefer staying in their hovels until they can come out as first class citizens, rather than move into the best of housing

FAYETTEVILLE PROGRESS

BY HENRY M. L. JAMES

Are we making the political progress we should make? Are we just marking time, waiting for some supernatural command to forward march? Should minority groups have representation in the government especially the city government?

The talking type of politics have a place in the realm of propaganda but it requires the active, sober, and practical type of political development if we are to make progress. When are we going to select the right man and then give him our 100 per cent support? Why not register and vote? "Procrastination is the thief of time." Why wait?

The College Heights Civic Club will have its installation service at the Person Street USO Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p. m. The Reverend M. L. Williams, pastor of the Mt. Sinai, will be the speaker for the occasion. The speaker will be introduced by C. W. Newell and music will be furnished by the League Choir of First Baptist Church. The following officers will be installed: E. J. Elliott, president; M. J. Bullock, vice president; Miss Edith M. Council, secretary; Mrs. N. R. Humphrey, assistant secretary; and C. L. Miller, treasurer.

When the average man or the man of small means needs to borrow money, he will find it difficult, but when several of us join together, it is very easy. On the other hand a man with a small amount of money to invest is at a great disadvantage unless he joins with his neighbors.

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Our credit union is a member of the North Carolina Credit Union League, Inc. We are affiliated with the Credit Union National Association, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin. The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond keeps us posted as to credit regulations. Meet with us this Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p. m. and learn how to get ahead in personal finance. We meet every second Friday and friends and visitors are always welcome. The place of meeting: The Bible Center, Murchison Road at Martin Street.

For persons who would like to join, may I quote Article 2 Qualifications for Membership, Section 1. The field of membership in this credit union is limited to those having the following common bond of association, occupation or residence: Any person residing within a two mile radius of Fayetteville, N. C. Section 2 Each application for membership must be made in writing; must bear the endorsement of a member of the board of directors, indicating his opinion that the applicant is honest, industrious, and of good habits; and must be presented by such director to the board of directors for action at a regular meeting.

His view was backed by Ald. Harvey, Second ward, and the other Negro member of the council, who asserted that Negroes "generally believe the slum clearance plans actually are a reclamation program rather than development." He warned that Negroes are prepared to fight the nondiscrimination issue all the way to the supreme court as a matter of "self-preservation."

Six aldermen supported the mayor's opposition to the ordinance. They explained that because of potential law suits over selection of tenants, insurance companies and other large investors would not come in under the plan, if the ordinance were passed.

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J. Levy Freed On Narcotic Charge

SAN FRANCISCO — John Levy, personal manager of Billie Holiday, and former Broadway nightclub operator, appeared before Judge Brady in Superior Court here today to answer charges of possession of narcotics arising from an arrest made January 22nd.

The dapper Attorney J. W. (Jake) Ehrlich known as the "Jerry Geisler" of northern California merely made a motion before the Court for the charge against Levy be dismissed, since a special Grand Jury refused to indict him on February 10th. This was granted and the whole procedure lasted less than five minutes.

HOLIDAY CASE CONTINUED Billie Holiday, noted singer, appeared before Judge Wallenberg in Superior Court, March 3 with Attorney Ehrlich to request her case scheduled for trial March 14 be set forward on the calendar for immediate hearing.

This was granted and simultaneously her attorney requested that the case be continued to April 14 to allow Miss Holiday to complete bookings in the east. This was also granted and Miss Holiday immediately continued her plans to return east.

Miss Holiday has been on the west coast for the past three months playing engagements in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver which have been highly successful. She will make her first eastern appearance at a concert at Pershing Ballroom, Chicago, March 13th.

It is the month when people look and listen for the first robin as a sign that spring has really come. It is also the time when people should subscribe to THE CAROLINIAN in order to keep up with the progress of the year. A subscription to the CAROLINIAN would make a unique birthday present for any month of the year. Incidentally, the writer of Fayetteville Progress was born during the second week of the month of March and I shall celebrate my birthday by reading THE CAROLINIAN. Why not be a member of my party?

PRAYER FOR PROGRESS Creator Of All The Universe, and Ruler of all mankind, give us the spirit of unity, peace, and understanding, so that men may again turn their attention from mere physical needs to the needs of the spirit. We call upon Thee in hope and penitence, craving Thy presence and Thy forgiveness in our misguided actions, and our wrongs toward each other. Grant us peace and renewed strength in Thy love, Amen.

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